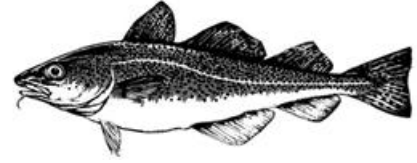


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**2012 SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA AREA STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD
JIG SEASON OPENING DELAYED**

The National Weather Service (NWS) marine weather 48-hour forecast issued at 4:00 a.m., Monday March 19, 2012 for Area 155 contained gale warnings. Therefore, the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for **mechanical jigging machines and hand troll gear will be delayed for 24 hours.**

If the NWS forecast issued at 4:00 a.m. Tuesday March 20, 2012 for Area 155 contains gale warnings the season will be delayed for an additional 24 hours. Season opening delays may continue on a rolling basis for 7 days beyond the initial opening date.